





## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION regarding the 2015 ISTEP.

Whereas, The length of time Hoosier students and educators are scheduled to allocate to administer the 2015 ISTEP has significantly increased from previous years;

Whereas, Upon release of these excessive testing times, students, educators, and state government leaders immediately expressed concern over the length of testing and the resulting disruption of normal school activities;

Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly believes that the 2015 ISTEP should be substantially reduced in length while maintaining Indiana's school accountability and teacher pay systems; and

Whereas, The General Assembly has conferred with and received input from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, and the Governor on recommendations for shortening the length of the 2015 ISTEP exam via legislative action, in addition to administrative actions that may be taken by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Education, State Board of Education, and the Governor of Indiana, including temporary waiver of portions of Indiana Code 20-32-5-9 and 20-32-5-2 during the administration of the 2015 ISTEP: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

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SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly intends to temporarily suspend by legislative action the portions of the Indiana Code that all parties agree are necessary to shorten the length of the 2015 ISTEP exam and that both Houses intend to accomplish the necessary action as expeditiously as possible under the Rules of each House and the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Board of Education.

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